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1 Senator Bennett moved the following **amendment**:

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3 **Senate Amendment**

4 Delete lines 261-307

5 and insert:

6 (6) In carrying out the investigative duties and
7 responsibilities specified in this section, each inspector
8 general shall initiate, conduct, supervise, and coordinate
9 investigations designed to detect, deter, prevent, and eradicate
10 fraud, waste, mismanagement, misconduct, and other abuses in
11 state government. For these purposes, each inspector general
12 ~~state agency~~ shall:

13 (a) Receive complaints and coordinate all activities of the
14 agency as required by the Whistle-blower's Act pursuant to ss.
15 112.3187-112.31895.

16 (b) Receive and consider the complaints which do not meet
17 the criteria for an investigation under the Whistle-blower's Act



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18 and conduct, supervise, or coordinate such inquiries,
19 investigations, or reviews as the inspector general deems
20 appropriate.

21 (c) Report expeditiously to the Department of Law
22 Enforcement or other law enforcement agencies, as appropriate,
23 whenever the inspector general has reasonable grounds to believe
24 there has been a violation of criminal law.

25 (d) Conduct investigations and other inquiries free of
26 actual or perceived impairment to the independence of the
27 inspector general or the inspector general's office. This shall
28 include freedom from any interference with investigations and
29 timely access to records and other sources of information.

30 (e) At the conclusion of each investigation in which the
31 subject of the investigation is a specific entity contracting
32 with the state or an individual substantially affected as defined
33 by this section, and if the investigation is not confidential or
34 otherwise exempt from disclosure by law, the inspector general
35 shall, consistent with s. 119.07(1), submit findings to the
36 subject that is a specific entity contracting with the state or
37 an individual substantially affected, who shall be advised in
38 writing that they may submit a written response within 20 working
39 days after receipt of the findings. Such response and the
40 inspector general's rebuttal to the response, if any, shall be
41 included in the final investigative report.

42 (f) ~~(e)~~ Submit in a timely fashion final reports on
43 investigations conducted by the inspector general to the agency
44 head, except for whistle-blower's investigations, which shall be
45 conducted and reported pursuant to s. 112.3189.